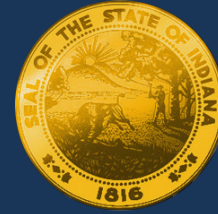




## MARION COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE



Terry Curry, Prosecutor

December 2014

### Upcoming Fraud Prevention Presentations

The Marion County Prosecutor's Office will be holding a series of free Power Against Fraud seminars to provide senior citizens, caregivers, and family members with effective strategies to recognize and prevent seniors from becoming victims of fraud and common scams.

For more information, visit [www.indy.gov/MCPO/fraudprotection](http://www.indy.gov/MCPO/fraudprotection) or contact MCPO at (317) 327-3522 or [MCPO@Indy.gov](mailto:MCPO@Indy.gov).

Tuesday, January 27, 2015  
2:00 p.m.  
Meadow Lakes  
200 Meadow Lakes Dr.  
Mooresville, IN

Wednesday, January 28, 2015  
2:00 p.m.  
Brownsburg, Meadows  
7133 Meadow Trail  
Brownsburg, IN

Thursday, January 29, 2015  
2:00 p.m.  
Rosewalk Assisted Living  
Apartments  
1301 N. Ritter Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN

### A message from Prosecutor Terry Curry

Some of the most difficult cases we prosecute involve the death of a child. Nothing is more heartbreaking than the loss of a vulnerable and innocent child through abuse or neglect.

As extended families, friends and neighbors gather to celebrate the holiday season, please be aware that child abuse occurs at an alarming rate. If you suspect that a child is in danger, call 911 to report what you have seen or heard and ask that it be investigated by a child abuse detective. We may want to believe that child abuse is a "family problem" or that it will fix itself in time, but the reality is that the abuse does not get better on its own.

In the past year, we have filed charges against 10 parents and unrelated caregivers for the death of children as a result of physical abuse. In two cases concluded this year, the children had signs of prior abuse. The violent and unnecessary deaths of Carmen Ellis, 3, and Jayden Noel, 1, illustrate why signs of abuse must be reported to authorities.

Both custodial and noncustodial parents are responsible for the safety and care of children. Leaving a child with someone who has a history of crime, violence, or drug or alcohol abuse is a dangerous choice. In the cases of Carmen Ellis and Jayden Noel, the mothers of each child received a 30-year sentence for ignoring abuse inflicted by their boyfriends.

If you suspect a child is in danger or experiencing abuse, do not be quiet about what you see. Call 911 and seek assistance. It is not melodramatic to emphasize that every minute counts, and your action could save the life of a child.

### Suspect charged in murder of 15-year-old Dominique Allen

William Gholston has been formally charged with Murder for the death of Dominique Allen. Allen was discovered on August 31, 2014, in the backyard of a home near the residence where she was last seen. According to the probable cause affidavit, male DNA matched to Gholston was discovered on the victim's foot and hand as well as a shoe believed to have been worn by the victim at the time of her disappearance. The case has been set for a pre-trial conference in February.

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## Daniel Webster School 46 students pledge against gun violence



Prosecutor Curry joined students at Daniel Webster School 46 in November to share information about gun crimes and to take the Students Against Gun Violence pledge. Nearly 200 students participated along with Principal Karen Linn, Acting United States Attorney Josh Minkler, United States Magistrate Judge Tim A. Baker, IMPD Chief Rick Hite, and representatives from the Marion County Sheriff's Office, ATF, and FBI. The event was part of a national program to honor the role that young people, through their own decisions, can play in reducing gun violence. View more photos from the pledge and banner signing or watch the video of students taking the pledge on our Facebook page ([Facebook.com/MCProsecutors](https://www.facebook.com/MCProsecutors)).

### The Pledge:

*I will never bring a gun to school;*

*I will never use a gun to settle a personal problem or dispute;*

*I will use my influence with friends to keep them from using guns to settle disputes.*

*My individual choices and action, when multiplied by those of young people through the country, will make a difference.*

*Together, by honoring this pledge, we can reverse the violence and grow up in safety.*

## Mother and boyfriend charged in death of one-year-old



Frank Larkins III and Diamond Miller have been charged for the death of one-year-old Elijah Polk and injuries to two other children. According to the probable cause affidavit, Polk sustained multiple injuries to his torso which were life-threatening in nature while in the care of Larkins. Larkins and Miller are also accused of depriving Polk of prompt medical treatment which resulted in the child's October death.

Larkins has been formally charged with Murder, Aggravated Battery, three counts of Battery and two counts of Neglect of a Dependent. Diamond Miller, the child's mother, has been charged with four counts of Neglect of a Dependent for failure to provide medical treatment to the children. A pre-trial conference is set for January 13, 2015.

## William Alvies sentenced for shooting near Arsenal Tech High School.

William Alvies has been sentenced to 22 years in the Indiana Department of Corrections for the June shooting of a woman near Arsenal Technical High School. Alvies fired multiple gun shots in the woman's direction as she ran from him, striking her in the shoulder. The victim had an active protective order against the defendant at the time of the incident in response to multiple threats previously made by Alvies.

Alvies pleaded Guilty in November to Attempted Murder and Carrying a Handgun Without a License. Alvies also pleaded guilty to Auto Theft in an unrelated 2013 case.

*A charge of a crime is merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.*

### Free crime prevention programs

*Offered by the  
Marion County Prosecutor's  
Community Prosecution Division*

Schedule a presentation at:  
(317) 327-3522 or [MCPO@indy.gov](mailto:MCPO@indy.gov)

**Burglary and property crime prevention:** Protecting your home and vehicle from crime.

**Power Against Fraud presentation for seniors:** Elder fraud and scam prevention for seniors.

**Project CyberSafe:** Educating children and parents about the dangers of online behavior and legal consequences of cyberbullying.

**Choices Not Chances:** Teaching youth the consequences of choices through scenarios involving gangs, bullying, and dating violence. Educators and parents can also access the presentation and scripts online at [www.indy.gov/MCPO](http://www.indy.gov/MCPO) to use with classes or their family.

**Gang education:** Recognizing gang activity and what to do to keep children out of gangs.

### Other Services

**Child Support Enforcement:** For assistance in the establishment, enforcement and modification of court ordered child support, please call (317) 327-1800.

**Adult Protective Services Hotline:** Report endangered adults to (877) 284-0063.

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